

OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.—The provisions of the Sunday law, yesterday seemed to be very generally observed throughout the city. The liquor stores and saloons were mostly closed to outsiders, although a few of the initiated made their way through dark and circuitous passages to the bar-room, where they drank to their heart's content without molestation. Some side doors were open in corner groceries, but the proprietors were very careful as to whom they admitted. Lookouts were kept, and upon the appearance of a policeman in the neighborhood the doors were doubly barred.

The proprietors of several large saloons on Broadway and other streets kept open, and disposed of liquor to whoever called for it. All of these have reported, and complaint will be made to-day. The Police of the east side of the city arrested Frederick DeSoto of No. 246 Delancey street, Louis Blasman of No. 122 Canal street, Thomas Casey of No. 309 East Broadway, and Henry Swartz of No. 37 Pike street, for violating the new Sunday law, and conveyed them before Justice Steers, at the Essex Market Police Court, who held the accused to answer in the sum of \$300 each.

Toward night the keepers of rum shops became less cautious, by laying themselves by light oil upon their places. The Fourth Ward Police last evening arrested James Casey, keeping a shop corner of James and Madison streets, and the Sixth Ward Police apprehended Elie Sheehan, of Worth street, near Centre street, for flagrantly violating the law. The German Tubs and beer gardens on the Bowery were open at night, but there did not appear to be the least confusion or noise in their vicinity. They have all received timely notice, and having failed to obey the mandate that recently emanated from Police Headquarters, will be arrested to-day on warrants issued by the Police magistrates.

The streets were, however, very quiet during the day and night, and in our walks about the city we did not see a single case of drunkenness.

MAGIC.—This is the last evening of the Royal Wizard, Bambini, whose astounding performances in magic have delighted large and appreciative audiences at Hope Chapel, No. 720 Broadway, for sometime. He goes to New-Orleans to fulfill an engagement in that city.

THE FIGHT IN THE CITY.—The Sunday law against liquor-selling prevents any very large gatherings at the ordinary places of fighting resort yesterday. Nevertheless, there was much talk about the fight. There is universal regret expressed that the battle was not fought to a conclusion before the referee thought proper to run away. Heenan is considered to have fairly won the fight, and the general opinion is, that Sayers has fought him again before this, or that the belt and battle-money have been given up to Heenan.

PICTURES OF THE FIGHT.—In the matter of great prize fight, the enterprise of the proprietors of our illustrated papers rather astonished the slow going Egopers. The large picture published by the Illustrated News, or instance was sketched during the fight by Mr. Thomas Nast the artist of that paper, was afterward carefully drawn on the blank by him, and was engraved during the hours of passage of the Van derbilt by Mr. Andrew W. S. Anthony, the chief of the engraving department of The News.

DEPARTURES.—The British steamer Vigo, Capt. M. Gogar, sailed on Saturday for Liverpool, with 58 cabin passengers, 150 in the steerage, and \$217,000 in specie. The United States Mail steamer Arago, Capt. Limes, also left for Southampton and Havre with 151 passengers, and \$639,568 in specie. The Cunard steamer Kuruk, Capt. Brownless, sailed the same afternoon for Naples and Havasu, with twelve passengers, and \$7,410 in specie.

THE NAVY AGENCY.—The Sunday Atlas says, it seems to be generally understood that George Sanderson is soon to vacate the office of Navy Agent in this city, and that his successor will be the Hon. Elijah Ward. We have no idea how much truth there is in this report.

THE POLICE COMMISSIONERS.—This Board held a meeting on Saturday afternoon, at Police Headquarters, and received the report of the Sergeant of the Sanitary Squad, relative to unclean places about the city. John Ives, M. D., William Sinclair, and A. P. Sutton, were appointed as policemen. Dr. Ives will be returned to his former position in the medical staff of the Police Department, from which he was dismissed at the instance of Commissioner Bailey, who charged him with meddling with political matters. The following preamble and resolution were adopted:

"In view of the necessity of detailing an officer of experience to the office of Inspector of New-York, to execute under his supervision the important duties referred in section 29 of the Police Law, it is resolved—"

Resolved, That Sergeant Creffet be detailed to the office of the Inspector of New-York, for the performance of that duty.

Sergeant Palmer was appointed in place of Sergeant Croft to the command of the steamboat and railroad guard. The Board adjourned to meet at one o'clock p. m., to-day.

FIRE.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN PELL STREET.—INTENSE EXCITEMENT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.—TWO BUILDINGS DEMOLISHED BY THE FALLING WALLS.—FIREMAN INJURED.

About 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon a fire broke out in the five-story building No. 22 Pell street, occupied on the basement floor by J. Stacey, tool-grinder; on the first, second, and third floors by John Sperry, oval and gilt frame maker; on the fourth floor partly by E. Brooks, surgical instrument manufacturer, and partly by N. Clark, cutlery manufacturer, and on the fifth floor by J. Birmingham, frame-maker.

The fire originated in the premises of Mr. Clark, and thence extended to the upper and lower floors with such rapidity that the occupants had barely time to seize their clothes and hasten to the street. Several fire companies arrived on the ground before the bells were rung, but owing to the height of the building they were unable to render any assistance.

Soon the fire communicated to the adjoining building, No. 20, which was occupied as follows: A. Benson by James Tice, weaver-shaver; first floor by A. & Co., a clothing establishment; second floor by Wm. Robertson, wood turner; also, by Brude & E. Es, manufacturers of corner stoves and cabinet ware; fourth and fifth floors by Cartwright & Lewis, cotton-battening manufactory.

The alarm was quickly sounded, and in a little time the entire force of firemen in the district reached the ground, and took up positions on Bayard street and on either side of the burning buildings. In less than an hour after the fire broke out the interior of both buildings was one mass of flame, which, bursting forth from the roof, seemed to lick the very sky. Dense clouds of smoke were borne over the western side of the city by the high wind that prevailed, and to add to the general commotion, some half dozen shingle-roofed houses in the neighborhood were set on fire by the shower of fire that fell in every direction.

So intense was the heat that the gutter of a building on Bayard street, at least 200 feet distant, was ignited. These minor fires were however speedily extinguished by the firemen, assisted by the citizens. The buildings No. 20 and 22 Pell street were about twenty-five feet distant from the rear of the house on Bayard street, and the latter were at once in imminent danger of being burned. Two or three tenement houses on the opposite side of Pell street were set on fire by the heat, but fortunately the wind was blowing in a contrary direction, else the flames would have swept over them and communicated to the frame buildings on Bayard street. The greatest consternation prevailed among the residents of the vicinity, and many persons in their fright removed their household property to the street, where it was seized by thieves and carried off.

A constabulary was stationed around the block bounded by Bayard, Mott, and Pell streets and the Bowery, to protect such property as was brought to the street, and the gauges of houses who had been absent about were soon raised.

At 6 o'clock a portion of the front and side wall on the southwest corner fell with a tremendous crash, demolishing the hardware shop of John Mateus, a jeweler, No. 24 Pell street. The wall was tall enough to sustain the rest of a story, so that about two stories were left.

At 6 o'clock the fire engines were early on the ground, and did excellent service.

The fire was not fairly got under until both Nos. 20 and 22 were raised to the ground, and then it was deemed prudent to keep a fireman on the ruins to prevent its spreading to other parts of the building.

The losses and insurance are as follows, as near as our reporter could ascertain:

Loss of Mr. Sperry about \$1,500; insured for \$1,000.

Loss of Mr. Brundrett \$300; no insurance.

Loss of Mr. Clark \$500; no insurance.

Loss of Allen & Co., machinery and stock \$8,000; insured for \$1,000 in the Quaker City Insurance Co.

Loss of Mr. Titus \$300; no insurance.

Loss of Mr. Dempsey \$1,800; insured for \$1,000 in the Seagull Insurance Company (an exploded concern).

Loss of Wm. Robertson \$800; no insurance.

Loss of Cartwright & Lewis about \$6,000. No insurance.

Loss of Wm. H. Watson \$300; no insurance.